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INSPECTION REPORT

Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:
Inspection Date & Time: 3/13/2001 / 7:50-11:15 AM
Date of Last Inspection: 2/21/2001

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Mine Name: Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine County: Emery Permit Number: 0015019
Permittee and/or Operator's Name: PacifiCorp
Business Address: P.O. Box 310, Huntington, Utah 84528
Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other
Company Official(s): Messrs. Chuck Semborski and Dennis Oakley
State Official(s): Peter Hess Federal Official(s): None
Weather Conditions: Sunny, warm; high 30's Fahrenheit
Existing Acreage: Permitted 11508 Disturbed 102 Regraded Seeded
Status: Active XXX

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

1. Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - a. For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - b. For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
2. Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
3. Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
4. Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

	EVALUATED	N/A	COMMENTS	NOV/ENF
1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. SIGNS AND MARKERS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. TOPSOIL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE:				
a. DIVERSIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. WATER MONITORING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. EXPLOSIVES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. NONCOAL WASTE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. REVEGETATION	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. ROADS:				
a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
19. AVS CHECK (4 th Quarter- April, May, June)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
21. BONDING & INSURANCE	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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(COMMENTS ARE NUMBERED TO CORRESPOND WITH TOPICS LISTED ABOVE)

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

On March 12, 2001 the permittee was notified that an amendment to the mining and reclamation plan was needed such that any mining apparatus which the permittee intends to leave in the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mines during the forthcoming period of "temporary cessation" can receive Division approval to do so. Mr. Oakley informed Mr. Chuck Semborski of this notification on March 13, 2001.

In a letter dated February 6, 2001, Energy West Mining Company informed the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management, Price Field Office of their intent to enter into temporary cessation status the Trail Mountain Mine and the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mines. Text within that letter indicated that it was Energy West's intent to leave the following items in-Mine(s) during the "temporary cessation" period; installed primary and secondary roof and rib support materials; general miscellaneous mine supplies and/or hardware items, some sections of in-place water supply and dewatering pipe, some sections of in-place high-voltage electrical distribution cable and monitoring cable, some sections of in-place mainline conveyor structure and conveyor belting. These items have been categorized as having minimum commercial value due to present service condition and are not considered to not be reasonable or economical to recover. A copy of the February 6, 2001 letter was forwarded to UDNR/OGM management on February 27, 2001.

Mr. Semborski's reply to this inspector this AM was that Energy West was still in the process of addressing the abandonment in-Mine(s) of the various aforementioned items with the BLM.

Energy West has notified numerous agencies that it is their intent to extract all of the conveyor drives from the two Mines prior to sealing; the drives contain lubricants in the speed reducers and chain drive mechanisms. Surface employees were observed loading an electric motor/speed reducer combination from a belt drive on a tractor trailer this day for transportation from the Mine site.

To date, the permittee has not submitted a notice of intent to enter either the Trail Mountain or the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine into "temporary cessation" status with the UDNR/OGM.

2. SIGNS AND MARKERS

Mr. Oakley was reminded that when conditions allow, additional disturbed area perimeter markers need to be installed around the Cottonwood fan portal reclamation area (Cottonwood Canyon across from the Trail Mountain Mine) to accurately delineate the reclaimed disturbed area and meet the requirements of R645-301-521.244.

4B. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS

The waste rock pond remains frozen; the ice elevation is approximately three feet below the primary discharge. There were no hazardous conditions or signs of instability noted.

The South pond at the Mine site did not reveal any signs of instability or other hazardous conditions. The pond is no longer frozen, and is receiving inflow.

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4D. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: WATER MONITORING

The permittee has completed the water monitoring requirements for the first quarter of 2001 for the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mines. This includes the three sample points in Grimes Wash, the USGS flume in Cottonwood Creek, the well at the waste rock site, the two in-Mine roof drippers and the five UPDES outfalls.

8. NONCOAL WASTE

A pile of noncoal waste material exists at the waste rock site; same has been extracted from the end dumped piles during the leveling and compaction process. It seems unlikely at this time that very many more piles of waste rock will be hauled from either the Cottonwood/Wilberg Mine or the Trail Mountain Mine. It was requested of Mr. Oakley that the pile be removed and properly disposed of as soon as possible, as the Mine proceeds toward the final phase of entering into "temporary cessation" status.

Inspector's Signature: _____


Peter Hess #46

Date: March 13, 2001

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas & Mining.

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cc: James Fulton, OSM
Chuck Semborski, PacifiCorp
Price Field office

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